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Est 2021 Facts & Integrity

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Bumper Birthday Edition next week (printed)

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Paddington, please
take me to my
husband



Next Issue on Fri 30 Sep will be printed, 1000 copies

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Alec Shelbrooke, 46, has been our Conservative MP for 12 years since May 2010. His basic salary is £84K (£2K rise in Apr '22) In the last election in 2019 he won 58% of our vote beating Labour by over 17,000 votes. He was a Remainer. From Dec '19 to May '22 he has voted 467 times out of 560 (83%) and has rebelled once against the party whip in Mar '22.

Space for Alec. Unedited (max 400 words)

***Wetherby Issues, Cost of Living, His New Job?* Nothing received**

Alec continues to ignore us. We would love to know why. If anyone knows, please tell us.

We will continue to tell you what Alec does and doesn't do, from his social media.

In the last issue and on Twitter we asked why Alec is restricting his information outlets. He wants us to follow him on Facebook instead of Twitter. This is very strange when he has 6 times as many followers on Twitter (16,800). Why can't he use both social media outlets?

Alec has written no Tweets or Facebook messages specifically about Wetherby in the past month.



Alec Silent about his Ministerial Post on Social Media

Most MPs would be shouting news of a promotion from the rooftops. His Conservative colleagues congratulated him but not a single Tweet or Facebook message about it from the man himself. Most odd.

All we know is that he is now **Minister of State (Ministry of Defence)**.

We send Alec our Congratulations too, but would like to know more about the post and how it will affect the work for his constituents.

Conservative Town Councillor Stuart Newcombe

Sadly, another Councillor is unwilling to provide any written answers to our simple, reasonable questions.

Why will our Town Councillors not put in writing a little more information about themselves and why they think they are capable of representing us? We have no idea how much time the role takes up and their feelings about it.

Cllr Newcombe is another councillor who would prefer to meet and talk only. The Editor explained to him why this is not the best way to do things: "An interview is a very inefficient use of your time and mine. My media is the written word so it is better that you write it, not my interpretation of what you say."

In a meeting I would ask you the same list of questions and then ask you to speak slowly because I need to make notes of exactly what you say. We can always meet up on a completely informal basis ie no notes, recording or anything published. "

The Editor asked Cllr Newcombe to reconsider but he did not respond.



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So, we will never know:

roughly how many phone calls or emails from constituents he receives or sends every month * roughly how many visits to constituents he makes every month * on average how many hours he spends on council duties per month * his areas of specific interest * his achievements or a difficult case where he has helped a resident * his frustrations and joys of being a Town Councillor * his views on the role party politics plays in this town council and Cllr Chapman's assertion that WTC is non-political * any specific plans he has for improving Wetherby before the next council elections

His Biography on Council Website

"Born and bred" in Wetherby, passionate about the wonderful town of Wetherby. Wants to ensure this remains the place of choice for so many people and businesses. A volunteer presenter on Wetherby's own radio station Tempo FM, presenting for 4 hours per week.

He also is a friend of Wetherby Lions, helping out as needed with community events.

Member's Interest: Job with Ring Automotive in Leeds.

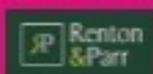
Wetherby Arts Festival

What's On Day-By-Day

DATE/TIME	EVENT	VENUE	TICKET PRICE
Fri 30 Sept 7.30pm	Call My Wine Bluff	St. James Church Centre	£14
Sat 1 Oct 7.30pm	Wetherby Silver Band & The Rock Choir	St. James Church	£10
Sun 2 Oct 2pm	Civic Society Walk	Wetherby Bandstand	Free but please donate!
Sun 2 Oct 7.30pm	Comedy Night: Neil Delamere and Alfie Moore	Town Hall	£25
Mon 3 Oct 7.30pm	The Chorus Crew Barbershop	Methodist Church	£6
Mon 3 Oct 6.30 for 7.00pm	Supper and Midnight Quintet	The Bridge Hotel, Walshford	£35 including meal and Bucks Fizz
Tues 4 Oct 4pm-5pm	Children's interactive workshop	St. James Church Centre (adult and 2 children)	£5
Wed 5 Oct 2pm	Hues of Autumn by Clair from Nicolla Florist	St. James Church Centre	£10
Wed 5 Oct 7.30pm	An Evening with Fools Gold	Methodist Church	£6
Thurs 6 Oct 7.30pm	Swing Commanders	Engine Shed	£15
Thurs 6 Oct 2pm	Wetherby, Past, Present and Future	St. James Church Centre	Free but please donate!
Fri 7 Oct 12.00	Literary lunch	The Bridge Hotel, Walshford	£30 including lunch
Fri 7 Oct 7.30pm	Bad Apple Theatre: Yorkshire Kernel	St. James Church Room (Scout Hut)	£10
Fri 7 Oct 7.30pm	Feast of Folk	Rugby Club, Grange Park	£10
Sat 8 Oct 7.30pm	Leeds Symphony Orchestra	St. James Church	£12.50
Sun 9 Oct 7.30pm	Really Funny Comedy Presents... Fin Taylor, Scott Bennett, Lou Conran and Micky P Kerr	Rugby Club, Grange Park	£18

You can book on-line or in person at the Festival Box Office in the Town Hall foyer from 15th September (10.00-12.00)

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Wetherby Community 'News'

Wetherby Community News is a social media page, with a tagline "Bringing you news, views, events, and reviews from the beating heart of the Wetherby community."

But you will be disappointed if you expect any real 'news', even though 'news' is in the title.

Media / news company description removed

Initially, the person behind this described it as a 'media/news company', see right. We pointed out the following to them:

"Reporting 'news' in any format is a serious business and I'm pretty sure it is not legal for you to remain anonymous. How can someone sue you if you libel them? Please reconsider."

The description then changed to 'Community Service' but the 'News' still remains in their title and description. The person behind this venture has stated:

"For full disclosure I receive no public funds, I have no declared interests to make, and I am not associated professionally with the town hall, MP or it's members."

From that sentence we can assume the person is saying they are independent.

The Page Founder says it is 'not independent'

But in the next sentence they state:

"As it is not an independent news outlet, I shall remain under the name of Wetherby Community News, a community group, and not link my personal name to it for impartiality and my own privacy."

We do not understand this sentence at all. What does it mean? They give reasons of 'impartiality' and 'my own privacy' to justify their anonymity. How does that work? We cannot think of any good reason why the person does not want to be identified. Anonymity is their choice but it is strange. Why not be open, as there is nothing controversial at all in the page's contents?

Content

Reading through the posts, we could not find anyone expressing forthright views to stimulate debate. Negative posts are not welcome, it appears. With phrases like "some fantastic news from Wetherby Town council" and "how hard all involved with the Town Hall work", you can see the style and type of content it will have. The 'news' in the title is not real news as the person behind it makes clear when they say it is 'just a community page for upcoming events, and a place to hear about local businesses, and a place for you to tell us about your fundraisers etc'.

Its title and byline may be a little misleading but we wish it well, especially if it promotes local businesses and highlights deserving causes. Wetherby Free Press does exactly the same thing - the more the merrier.



Described initially as a 'media/news company'. Later changed Nothing posted at all for 22 Days (1 Sept onwards)



Another Newsletter for Wetherby?

Like buses, nothing for ages then 2 come along at once!



Picture on Front Page of Issue 14 - Sadly No Other Newsletter was Ever Printed

Interesting History of Wetherby Community News

It all started earlier this year when disgruntled WFP reader, Kerrylou Greenwood, said she was going to set up her own news publication. We printed her criticism of us on our front page. *What other publication would do that?*

Kerrylou claimed our content doesn't actually have anything to do with the community and that the Free Press is an 'opinion piece of an exceptionally disgruntled resident'. She mentioned 7 year-olds and it not being 'an actual newspaper'. She claimed 'a seemingly substantial amount of the community' think 'it's not worth the paper it's written on'.

Kerrylou did manage one compliment though - she admired the Editor's 'passion enormously'. But we took exception when our readers seemed to be insulted. She talked about a 'certain audience' and 'different demographics', implying a tone of superiority given her views of the stories and articles we print. We asked how many supportive messages she had received, having claimed to take '10 hours' to read them. She didn't answer. Welcoming all competition we wished her and the publication the very best of luck.

We also offered Kerrylou the editorship of one issue of the Wetherby Free Press. She declined and said that there is a template for her own publication, *Wetherby Community News*, as well as 'a photographer, and promotion via an extremely popular and well known community group.' This group was never identified. It was not the Lions we were told. No printed newsletter was ever produced to our knowledge; just 3 blogs in March and April of this year.

It's a shame another quality news source available to everyone was not produced. It's a lot more work than people think!



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ECO – ENERGY FAIR COPING WITH THE ENERGY CRISIS

Saturday, 24th September 10am to 3pm
Wetherby Town Hall, Market Place

Energy prices have increased dramatically over the past year. This trend is set to continue, so it's important to look at ways to minimise the impact on already strained household budgets. Come along to this **free community event** to learn more about how to cope with rising prices.

- ✓ practical tips to help you use energy more efficiently and save money on your energy bills.
- ✓ advice on solar PV, heat pumps & much more

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Sundays - Wetherby Racecourse



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It's YOUR Newsletter - Plse tell us your news, views & articles

How can Wetherby be Improved?

your views

It's a simple question we asked on social media. Bizarrely, some people criticised us for asking such a question. They want to believe that everything is perfect in the world. Good luck to them in their comfortable bubble. Meanwhile in the real world the rest of us try to improve things. Many think Wetherby is far from perfect, as the responses below show. It was disappointing to see none of our councillors joining in the debate or commenting on any of your posts on *Nextdoor* and *Wetherby Grumbler Facebook* group. We will ask them for comment.

Your Views on Shops & Businesses:

- * Boosting the local economy by supporting small businesses is always better than inviting in multinational conglomerates owned by billionaires.
- * I'd rather a shop that would benefit everyone such as Poundland!!
- * **I would love to open a shop for my crafts gifts business in my hometown but the rents are extortionate. They're cheaper in York, Harrogate & Leeds.**
- * **They need to cut the rents and give people a fighting chance, I know loads of people that would like to set up in Wetherby but it's too expensive.**
- * Too many coffee shops and not enough places to eat. People are going to Boston Spa as there's more choice. It used to be the other way around **Wake Up Wetherby.**
- * **Address the number of empty shops by extending the range of speciality retail offerings through active and coercive liaison with landlords. Alternatively, convert the sites to other practical/beneficial business or private uses.** Actively urge more market traders to attend weekly market, rather than the recent rejection of one trader.
- * I like the idea of the vinyls, but not the town crier, it suits Knaresborough but I think it would just be odd here.
- * Getting someone to jet wash the Horsefair Centre regularly and just keep it clean
- * More co-ordinated shop fronts. The garish colours and random styles look like an urban city centre not a beautiful market town.
- * Cleaning up the store frontages even when occupied, Pizza Milano is pretty bad
- * We need more individual shops with appealing frontage to draw people's attention
- * We do not need any more charity shops or opticians
- * Another tattoo shop would be nice in the centre
- * Less charity shops
- * Pilates studio! Yoga studio! Pottery painting shop
- * More restaurants
- * Better Pubs
- * A wine bar
- * Cocktail bar, Pottery painting, Olive branch, Tapas restaurant.
- * A classy independent bar would be nice. Somewhere with good outside seating and food. It's not difficult, look at what Tom Foolery is doing in Boston Spa. Too many old pubs with not much style. Young families bring in money and the town currently has got too much of an outdated feel to it. Could be so much better with a couple of new bars.
- * Better variety of shops, especially for families - not everyone who lives in or visits Wetherby can afford to pay the ridiculous prices some of the shops charge.
- * The groups we have are doing nothing about empty shop units.



'Thriving' Town? Unattractive Premises in Prime Position. Been Empty for Years.



Pottery Painting shop in Otley



No General Stores like YTC. They are in Otley & K'boro



Cllrs Richards, Lamb & Harrington

No comments from any of our 15 Conservative Wetherby Town Councillors on your views in Issues 26 & 27 on Public Transport, Environment & Facilities, Leisure and General.

No response from Wetherby Business Association, Better Wetherby Partnership Ltd or Welcome to Wetherby to any of our previous articles either, even though some of them were criticized.

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Sant' Angelo is closing on Sunday 25 Sept.

"No time has been as hostile to the survival of small businesses. From COVID to Brexit to staff shortages to spiralling gas & electricity prices we cannot keep operating"



One of Marcelo Bielsa's interpreters has written a book about the Great Man and former Wetherby resident. He was at a book-signing event at the Moot Hall Arms in Leeds (looking a little bemused at the Rhino's glorious victory at Wigan).

A Leeds Fan with Salim Lamrani, right, in a Leeds pub

Utd v Aston Villa on Sun 2 Oct at 16.30



In the Grand Final

An incredible achievement seeing as they finished 5th in Super League. It was a close first half in the semi final at Wigan. Losing 4 - 2 at half-time, we could not believe the odds for

Leeds to win - 4/1. Recent games have shown what a tough, never-give-up side Leeds have become. No surprise to us they eventually took control of the game, leaving the result of the match in no



Leeds Third Try with Fans in Rapture

doubt, and us a few quid in pocket. 20 - 8 it finished. The Editor is looking forward to visiting the 'Theatre of Dreams'. League winners Saints are favourites to win but who knows? It should be a cracking climax to the season.

Leeds Rhinos v St Helens

Sat 24 Sep at 18.00 Old Trafford, Manchester



Rhino's Women Champions Again



0:27 17.8K views

Celebrations but ignored by Local & National TV Media



The ladies team beat York City Knights 12 - 4 on Sunday 18 Sept.

Like the semi-final featuring the men, this magnificent achievement was ignored by our local media - Calendar News & BBC Look North. We are sure the Queen would not have minded a few minutes out of the limelight. National Treasure Clare Balding, President of the Rugby Football League, should use her influence to halt this gradual decline in media reporting of a great Northern sport!



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Everyone mentioned in the WFP has a right to reply. The reply will be published unedited, unless it is too long.

If facts are wrong, we will apologise publicly and correct the error.

We quote directly to avoid any misunderstandings. We don't do spoken interviews - summarising what people say is a difficult skill and the interviewee will often not be happy with the result.

We encourage everyone to write to us with their views, whatever they are. People have died for our Freedom of Expression so never be afraid to use it. You can remain anonymous if you wish. You, nor ourselves, can be sued for libel as long as what is published is:

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